



**Lee Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting
Approved Minutes August 10, 2021 7 PM
2nd Floor Conference Room, Lee Public Safety Complex
George Bennett Road, Lee, NH**

Lee Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting July 13, 2021 at 7:00PM

Members present: Paul Gasowski (chair), Chuck Cox, Jennifer Messeder, Dean Rubine.

Officials Present: Katrin Kasper, Lee Select Board

I. Call to Order 7:06 pm

II. Preliminary Actions

A. Introductions: Invited Guests N/A

B. Approval of Agenda

Agenda unchanged.

C. Minutes: Approve Minutes from 7/13/21

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Dean moved, Jen 2nd, 4-0 7/13/21 minutes approved as amended

D. Correspondence/Events: Phyllis White, Lou Grondin, Ryan Tirrell

The Historical Society hasn't committed to cosponsoring Lee's Trees.

Lou Grondin called Paul in regard to the September 25 Energy Fair; Paul referred him to the Durham Energy Committee. Dean: I agreed to do sound on the 25th.

Paul: Reference to Durham Recreation in Select Board Meeting.

Katrin: The event is way toned down. If you have / want an electric vehicle you can talk. Plan to start with a small amount of food, have someone ready to buy more.

Didn't follow up with Ryan Tirrell.

Julie Glover won't be around until Friday.

Dean: Our State Senator Kwoka sent me the enclosed letter; she expects new municipal compost rules by September 30. [Committee discussed letter attached below, received August 4, 2021]

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E. Other: Town Administrator Search

Katrin: Denise Duval is interim/acting town administrator. The town has five or six applications, and is going through the process.

III. Discussion Items/Updates

A. Dean/Chuck: Municipal Composting Update/RCWG

Dean: Chloe Gross, UNH Sust Inst Intern, completed the UNH survey of food establishments in Durham and Lee, directly soliciting around 50 total businesses. Got 9 respondents, 1 from Lee. I don't think we can expect Lee businesses to be a significant contributor of food waste at the outset of any program.

Chloe is in the process of writing her final internship report. I will share it with the committee when I receive it.

Chuck: The last meeting focused on the survey update, how it should be presented. Some places are banning landfill of food waste. NH is accepting this waste from other places.

Jen: I asked Steve Bullek about a game we don't have to do because the fair is cancelled. I'll share the senator's letter with Steve.

Paul: Please point him toward the RCWG minutes for additional background; also convey that they're trying to wrap up by the end of September.

B. Paul: Lee Arts, Crafts and Cottage Industry Directory Update

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Paul: When I heard Julie was leaving I thought it was a setback for this project. Dean, thanks for filling that out.

Dean: I thought that my tutoring didn't fit into the category. Maybe add "Other" catchall.

Jen: What about people with a professional business? It gets complicated fast.

Katrin: Instruction as a category?

Paul: We should keep it where it is, try to pilot it with others. What do you expect the timeline will be on replacing the TA?

Katrin: As fast as possible; depends on who gets it; Denise can call Primex, respond to questions; no reason to delay.

Katrin suggested adding Author as a category. Committee discussed if this is an artist.

Paul: We'll move it along, try to get others to pilot, bring it forward.

C. Dean/Chuck: Lee's Trees: Then and Now

Dean: Fair not happening; how does that affect the schedule?

Paul: Phyllis White thought she had a couple of pictures that would be helpful. I gave conservation committee brochures, they said they'd consider. Historical society hasn't partnered either.

Dean: We still need pictures.

Katrin: Scott Bugbee has books and books of pictures. Jan Allen too [try her first]. Katrin will send contact info to Dean.

Paul: We don't need the fair to put it out there. No activities in the day.

Katrin: There's a challenge; the trustee of the fair trust fund declared the event is no longer a Fair. We're contractually obligated to have fireworks.

Katrin: There's Lee Fair money designated for the Lee Fair committee to use; trustee decided it wasn't a fair any more.

Chuck: I don't understand it; we have to supposedly get all our bills to them in Nov, Dec rather than in June. The meal part of the fair makes money that's retained by the Ag comm independent of the fair trust fund.

Katrin: No one turns in invoices in a timely fashion; it's an all volunteer committee. Money comes from different funds; Lee Fair money has to be used for Lee Fair.

Paul: The Select Board would be agents to expend, correct?

Katrin: Select Board trying to fix this in time.

Chuck: I'm waiting for the meeting. There are funds that accrued to the fair that stay with the fair.

Katrin: It's the Trustee of the Trust Fund's call. I've tried to make it happen.

Paul: I can see the concerns with the day activities; some concern with the spread.

Paul: Lee's Trees is set; we'll work toward that date, keep moving it along.

Jen: Even if we had the fair we'd still be advertising Lee's Trees in E-Crier, other ways.

Paul: I haven't gotten to the schools yet.

D. Jen: Educational Outreach-Reducing the Waste Stream

Steve Bullek and Transfer Station Projects

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Jen: I sent an email offering assistance; asking for help with the “Recycle or No” game for the fair, but haven't heard back. I'll reiterate our offer to help him.

Katrin: He's on vacation. Steve just hired someone who looks fabulous; Steve should be more freed up going forward.

Chuck: Swap shop operating now.

Katrin: Yes, doing great.

Katrin: Will George working on cemetery records; not getting transfer records; has to come in to work on it. He's only around until August 20th.

E. Jen: Green Burial Update

Jen: I haven't reached out to the cemetery trustees this month; see if they have minutes out or if they've met since May.

Paul: We'll just keep it on the agenda

F. Katrin: SRPC Membership/Representatives

Katrin: I have been sworn in as one of the members. Looking for another member from Lee. There's a group that has funding and will digitize 20,000 files for free that are needed for town records. During the last select meeting we discussed paying for membership. It would be economically prudent.

Dean: I'll consider membership.

G. Other N/A

IV. New Business

A. All: Upcoming E-Crier Articles

Dean: “Right to Repair” Educational Article

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| Committee discussed. Dean to get it down to one page and share.

Dean: “Am I Clean Yet?” Water Conservation Outreach. Nothing done.

B. Lee Fair Booth: Daytime Activities Canceled

Yes.

C. Katrin: Update-COVID Protocols and Zoom Meetings

Quorum: With a 4 person committee two people can attend in person, then the others by Zoom. I need to check if exactly 50% is ok, I think it is.

D. Other N/A

V. Public Comments N/A

VI. Closing Actions

A. Future Meeting Dates: 9/14/21

Committee concurs.

B. Agenda Planning for Next Meeting

As above.

VII. Adjournment

Dean moved, Jen 2nd, 4-0 adjourned 8:30 pm

Please email 'sustain@leenh.org' if you have suggestions, comments or questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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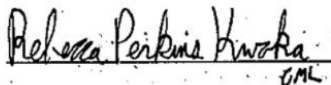
Dean,

Thank you for bringing the delay of NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) issuing rules regarding the composting of meat and dairy to my attention. Since then, I have reached out to Commissioner Robert Scott and DES to understand the delay.

My office spoke with Sarah Yuhas Kirn, an administrator in the Waste Management Division at DES on June 29. She said that DES knows that it is behind in promulgating the rules for composting meat and dairy. HB 413 (2021) set a new deadline for the rules as September 30, 2021. She said that they are working on those rules and have had several stakeholder meetings around a draft of the potential rules. She said that the draft potential rules include allowing permits by notification for smaller facilities as well as not requiring a permit for composting meat and dairy that is produced on-site (such as at UNH or Colby Sawyer). She said that they are planning to send those draft potential rules to their legal team for formatting and review in the near future.

Sarah also said that the delays have been caused by continual underfunding of the Solid Waste Bureau at DES. She said that the Bureau is the only 100% General Fund funded bureau in DES and has had its budget reduced every two years for many budget cycles. She said that 40% of all positions in the Solid Waste Bureau, who would be working on things like the compost rules, are currently vacant. She did say that things are looking up, as HB 1 and HB 2 (2021) included funding for all of the requested positions in the Solid Waste Bureau, however, HB 2 also eliminated two Solid Waste Bureau positions because of how long they had been vacant.

Again, thank you for bringing this issue to my attention. I hope that this information is helpful to you. We will follow up in a couple months to see how the rules have progressed. Please do not hesitate to reach out in the future on this issue or any other if I or my office can be of any assistance.


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